

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the listing of claims as follows:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Gear drive unit (10), to adjust moveable parts in a motor vehicle, ~~with having~~ a gear housing (15) and a shaft (18) positioned therein along a longitudinal axis (30), ~~which the shaft is being supported on in~~ the housing via an axial stopping face (35) on a counter stopping face (36), wherein at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is inclined in respect to a plane surface (42) that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) against a plane (42) by an angle of inclination (40) in order to generate an axial force, and wherein a component (44), which cooperates with at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36), is arranged in a displaceable manner perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of a pre-stressed elastic element (48), and wherein a radially pre-stressed the elastic element (48) is embodied as an integral part of the component (44) and formed together with it as a single part to form a wedge-shaped component that causes the elastic element to displace in a radial direction thereby maintaining an axial force sufficient to eliminate shaft longitudinal play.
2. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) or the component (44) features a profiled surface (62), as a saw-tooth profile (62).
3. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) or the component (44) features a stair-step profile (91).
4. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is embodied to be cone-shaped, with annular stair steps (92).

5. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~at~~ the component (44) is embodied to be one piece with the at least one stopping face (35, 36), as a stopping element (34).
6. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component (44) is embodied to be U-shaped, and surrounds the shaft (18) or a stopping sleeve (70) of the shaft (18).
7. (Currently Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component (44) is an elastic ring element (94, 96), which is embodied so that it can be ~~contracted~~ compressed causing it to be expanded radially.
8. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component (44) is embodied as a 2-step wedge.
9. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the shaft (18) features a fore part (32) and/or at least one collar (22, 23), with which the shaft (18) is supported on the gearing housing (15) via the component (44).
10. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the shaft (18) features a worm toothing or thread toothing (19), and engages in an inside thread (21) of a spindle drive device (10).
11. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component (44) can be displaced radially to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of the pre-stressed elastic element (48).
12. (Original) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 11, characterized in that the elastic element (48) is supported on a covering (66) of the gear housing (15).

13. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, characterized in that the elastic element (48) is embodied to be one piece with the component (44) or the covering (66).
14. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 11, characterized in that the component (44) is embodied together with the elastic element (48) as a wedge-shaped wavy leaf spring (45).
15. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) or the component (44) features a surface having a stair-step profile (91).
16. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is embodied to be cone-shaped, with a surface having annular stair steps (92).
17. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 13, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is embodied to be cone-shaped, with annular stair steps (92).
18. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, characterized in that the component (44) is embodied to be one piece with the one stopping face (35, 36), as a stopping element (34).
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 13, characterized in that the component (44) is embodied to be one piece with the one stopping face (35, 36), as a stopping element (34).
21. (Currently Amended) Gear drive unit (10) to adjust moveable parts in a motor vehicle, with a gear housing (15) and a shaft (18) positioned therein along a longitudinal axis (30),

which shaft is supported on the housing via an axial stopping ~~face~~ face (35) on a counter stopping face (36), wherein at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is inclined perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) against a plane (42) by an angle of inclination (40) in order to generate an axial force, and a component (44), which cooperates with at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36), is arranged in a displaceable manner perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30), and the component (44) can be ~~displaced~~ expanded radially to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of a radially pre-stressed elastic element (48), wherein the component (44) is embodied as a 2-step wedge that causes the elastic element to displace in a radial direction thereby maintaining an axial force sufficient to eliminate shaft longitudinal play.

22. (Currently Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) and the component (44) features a profiled surface (62), ~~particularly~~ formed as a series of steps into a saw-tooth-like profile (62).
23. (Previously Presented) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein the component (44) is embodied to be U-shaped, and surrounds the shaft (18) or a stopping sleeve (70) of the shaft (18).
24. (Currently Amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein the component (44) is an elastic ring element (94, 96), which is embodied so that it can be ~~contracted~~ compressed causing it to be expanded radially.
25. (Previously Presented) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein the shaft (18) features a fore part (32) and/or at least one collar (22, 23), with which the shaft (18) is supported on the gearing housing (15) via the component (44).
26. (Previously Presented) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein that the shaft (18) features a worm toothing or thread toothing (19), and engages in an inside thread (32) of a spindle drive device (10).

27. (Previously Presented) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein the component (44) can be displaced radially to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of a pre-stressed elastic element (48).
28. (Previously Presented) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 27, wherein the elastic element (48) is supported on a covering (66) of the gear housing (15).